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Sir:

The following is submitted in response to the restriction mailed March 22, 2001. Applicants elect without traverse the claims set out in Group I, Claims 1-13 and 34-46, as specified by the Examiner in the restriction requirement.

REMARKS

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 415-576-0200.

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